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SUBJECT: ZAMBIAN POSITION ON "DEFAMATION OF RELIGION"

RESOLUTION AT THE UN HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL

REF: SECSTATE 27376

(SBU) Emboff delivered the reftel demarche to the head of the Zambian Foreign Ministry's International Organizations office. He promised to take our position into consideration as his office re-examines the issue. He suggested that Zambia would most likely abstain from the vote, as it did in [¶2008.](#)

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